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Public Notice: Education Department Accepting Food Program Applications

Local child-care centers and adult day-care centers in Rhode Island participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and provide nutritious meals daily to more than 15,600 participants at 217 locations statewide through 88 locally sponsored programs.

The Child and Adult Care Food Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and provides nutritious meals and snacks at no separate charge to infants, young children, and adults receiving services in day-care centers as well as to infants and children living in emergency shelters. The Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE) accepts applications from public and private institutions for the CACFP on an ongoing basis.

Sponsoring institutions serve meals at no separate charge to all participants regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

Child and Adult Care Food Program sponsors are reimbursed for each meal served, according to predetermined U.S. Department of Agriculture reimbursement rates based on the income levels of the families served by the programs. The following income guidelines will be used to determine funding in Rhode Island from July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007:

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FREE MEALS/MILK					REDUCED-PRICE MEALS				
Number in Family	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Biweekly Gross Income	Weekly Gross Income		Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Biweekly Gross Income	Weekly Gross Income
1	12,740	1,062	490	245		18,130	1,511	698	349
2	17,160	1,430	660	330		24,420	2,035	940	470
3	21,580	1,799	830	415		30,710	2,560	1,182	591
4	26,000	2,167	1,000	500		37,000	3,084	1,424	712
5	30,420	2,535	1,170	585		43,290	3,608	1,665	833
6	34,840	2,904	1,340	670		49,580	4,132	1,907	954
7	39,260	3,272	1,510	755		55,870	4,656	2,149	1,075
8	43,680	3,640	1,680	840		62,160	5,180	2,391	1,196
Each Add'l Family Member	+4,420	+369	+170	+85		+6,290	+525	+242	+121

Child and Adult Care Food Program applications and a list of local CACFP participating agencies are available through the RIDE Office of School Support and Family Engagement, Shepard Building, 255 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903-3400.

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